Docket Number: 3118 Customer No.: 000027683



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re at	oplication of:	§	
	Cole, et al.	§	Confirmation No. 4680
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Serial No.: 10/018,023		§	Examiner: Pedro Philogene
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Filed:	December 10, 2001	§	Group Art Unit: 3732
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For:	Femoral Intramedullary Rod System	§	

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner of Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2004, please consider the following remarks:

No fees are believed to be required at this time. If, however, any additional claim fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these additional fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP, Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Haynes and Boone, LLP, Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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